

Student Supplements Education With Work, Internship

Carl Schwartz, 23, will graduate next month from LeTourneau College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in public administration and a minor in economics. But his 3.51 grade point average on 136 semester hours reflects only a part of the education he has received since transferring to LeTourneau in January, 1986 from another Christian college. Schwartz came to LeTourneau sight unseen with only the recommendation of his high school principal (Ron Davis IE'61), a description of the College that he had read in a catalog, and the conviction that he needed a bigger challenge. "The school I was at wasn't rough enough for me," he said. "I read about LeTourneau and saw that they had a public administration degree," he said. "It was exactly what I wanted. My coming here was the direct leading of the Lord in my life," he added.

Senate from his dorm floor. In March, 1986 he applied for a Resident Assistant position for the coming year and was approved, subsequently serving two years and two summers as an RA. In addition to his part-time job, RA responsibilities and a full academic load, Carl also was involved in student leadership, serving as Vice President for Student Ministries, Vice President and President of the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM), advisor to the president of the Young Republicans, member of five search committees, Themelios, Student Business Advisory Council, Admissions & Standards Committee, Spiritual Life Committee, and Off Campus Housing Committee. Carl was also a three-year awardee of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* and a member of LeTourneau's Gold



Longview attorney Howard Coghlán gives LeTourneau student Carl Schwartz a few tips on the finer points of law. Schwartz, a senior, is completing an internship this semester. Coghlán is a former trustee of the College.

and social status, Carl said he has a "very unique friendship" with the Coghláns and that they have had dinner together and watched movies on several occasions. "They have occasionally given me money with which to go home and recently bought me a new suit as a graduation gift," he added.

"Peggy is the most dynamic and energetic woman I'll probably ever meet," he said. "She is concerned with helping others, especially those in need who can't help themselves. She is also an excellent manager and is viewed as a key figure to all of the boards that she sits on or chairs," he added. "She was also the first woman to receive a Doctor of Education degree (1979) from Texas A&M.

"Howard, on the other hand, is extremely cordial and amiable and is the most polite man I've ever met in my life," said Schwartz. "He's the perfect example of a Southern gentleman, but he's also down-to-earth, interesting and very professional. He's an oil properties attorney who is recognized nationally for his expertise in oil and gas."

This fall Carl has deepened his friendship with the Coghláns by continuing to work part-time for them and by serving an internship with Howard "to study and observe the Texas court system" as part of a three-hour independent study.

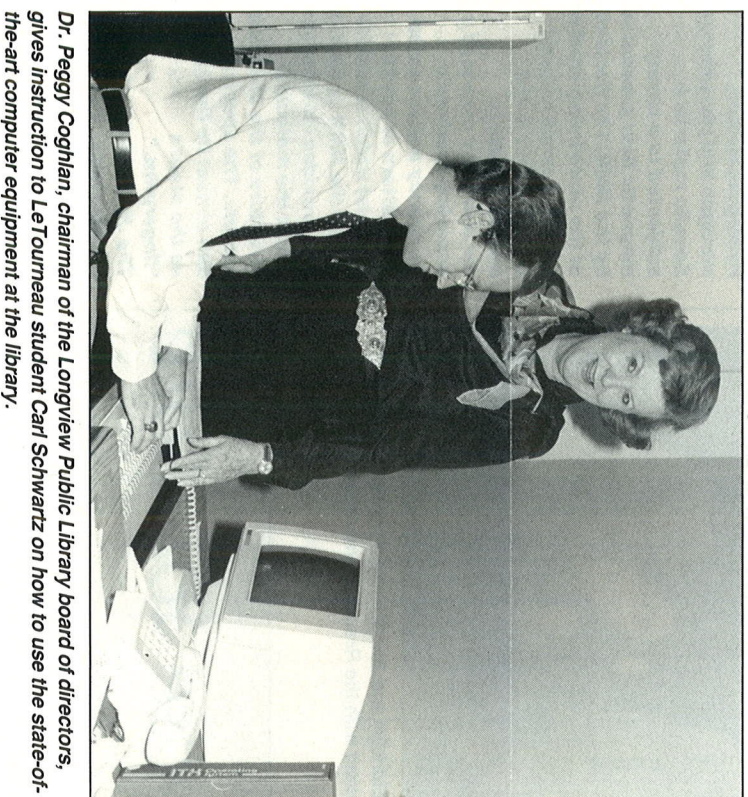
"I learned more about our country's legal system by sitting in court for one day than in all my years of studying and reading political news magazines," Schwartz said.

In addition to these responsibilities, Carl is also working part-time for the campus food service as manager of two vending areas, serving as business manager of the college yearbook, taking a full load (16 hours), and preparing for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) Dec. 3. After graduation, Carl plans to apply to several law schools, including Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, and Syracuse, and then

take it easy for a couple of months at home in Middlesex, N.Y. "Of course, I'll probably work somewhere until school starts," he added. Given his past record, that's not hard to believe. It's also easy to understand why Schwartz will graduate from college owing a total of \$4,250 — much less than most college graduates. "I opened a savings account in the fourth grade and never had a withdrawal until I started to prepare for college," he said. "I was able to pay for a trip to Europe my senior year in high school and also bought a car and a computer while in college," he added. Schwartz said he is planning to pursue a JD/MBA program, which will take four years instead of the normal three. Although financing another four years of school will be a challenge, Schwartz says, "Four years from now I expect my faith to be double what it is now. I'd like to get into politics eventually," he adds. For some reason, that comes as no surprise.

Founder's Day Set for Nov. 30

Founder's Day activities are planned Nov. 30 to mark the 100th year anniversary of college founder R. G. LeTourneau's birth Nov. 30, 1888, according to Dr. Alvin O. Austin, college president. According to Austin, the Founder's Day celebration will become an annual event to commemorate the memory, the heritage, and the principles of "Pop" LeTourneau. Activities are planned for the chapel service, with Roy LeTourneau of Rockwall, Texas as guest speaker. Austin will present a Presidential Medallion to each of the LeTourneau's four surviving children during the service, and special music has been arranged by the school choir. Following chapel, there will be a wreath-laying ceremony at the gravesite.



Dr. Peggy Coghlán, chairman of the Longview Public Library board of directors, gives instruction to LeTourneau student Carl Schwartz on how to use the state-of-the-art computer equipment at the library.

Schwartz said he arrived on campus with one prayer: "Lord, you supply the money — and fast!"

That prayer was answered, he said, within his first week on campus.

"A local company called and wanted a student worker," he said. "I interviewed and got the job." The job turned out to be with a local insurance inspection company who needed someone to measure houses for fire insurance.

"You didn't need experience," he said. "Just a car. I qualified." The job lasted a year-and-a-half and allowed Carl to live in Longview during the summers as well. It even paid well —

"considerably more than minimum wage," he said. During his first few weeks at LeTourneau Schwartz was elected "floor senator," a term meaning representative to the Student

Key Honor Society.

He also ran for Student

Association president and lost by two votes, and went on a two-week summer mission trip to Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico.

After his part-time job with Equifax Services ran out in October, 1987, Schwartz was prepared. He had also worked part-time that summer to maintain the lawn and house of Howard and Peggy Coghlán, a prominent Longview couple, and when their regular student helper, Mark Irwin, graduated in December, Carl began working for the Coghláns in January. In addition to house and lawn work, he ran errands for the Coghláns and because of Peggy's position as chairman of the library board, even helped out with last minute details for the reception and grand opening of the Longview Public Library July 4, 1987. Despite their differences in age

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